

Christopher D. Meik  
 Nathan S. Menefee  
 George F. Menze  
 Bradley W. Middleton  
 David A. Middleton  
 Brooke A. Millard  
 Jesse M. Millard  
 Jonathan D. Miller  
 Kenneth R. Millson  
 Boris Montatsky  
 Commander K. Moore  
 Michael C. Morefield  
 Kathryn A. Moretti  
 Robert S. Morris  
 Kelly J. Moyers  
 Ernesto Muniztirado  
 Gary C. Murphy  
 Scott C. Murphy  
 Steven M. Myers  
 Ronald T. Nakamoto  
 Samuel R. Nassar  
 Brandon J. Natteal  
 Joshua B. Nelson  
 Ian S. Neville-Neil  
 Michael D. Newell  
 Michael C. Norris  
 Charles S. Novak  
 Stephen P. Nutting  
 Jeremy R. Obenchain  
 Janna M. Ott  
 Daniel G. Owen  
 Tina D. Owen  
 Nicholas W. Parker  
 Thomas T. Pequignot  
 Luke R. Petersen  
 Michael C. Petta  
 Mark A. Piber  
 Sean P. Plankey  
 Jason T. Plumley  
 Beau G. Powers  
 Clayton S. Preble  
 Kristen M. Preble  
 Randy L. Preston  
 Christopher C. Putnam  
 Miles R. Randall  
 Kevin J. Rapp  
 Kent R. Reinhold  
 Emily P. Reuter  
 Jonathan P. Rice  
 Christian P. Rigney  
 Stanley L. Robinson  
 Chad J. Robuck  
 Kenneth H. Rockhold  
 Thomas C. Rodzewicz  
 Kjell C. Rommerdahl  
 Elizabeth M. Roscoe  
 Jeffrey H. Rubini  
 Eric S. Runyon  
 Catharine L. Ryan  
 Michael K. Saffold  
 Jaime Salinas  
 Richard C. Sansone  
 Andrew G. Schanno  
 Matthew A. Schibler  
 Brian C. Schmidt  
 William A. Schrade  
 David P. Sheppard  
 Brendan C. Shields  
 Luke M. Slivinski  
 Frances M. Smith  
 Pablo V. Smith  
 Paul D. Smith  
 Scott R. Smith  
 William M. Snyder  
 Benjamin J. Spector  
 Donald S. Stiker  
 Christopher S. Stoeckler  
 Steven D. Stowers  
 Kevin J. Sullivan  
 Robert J. Tenetylo  
 Philip D. Thisse  
 Joseph G. Thomas  
 Keith O. Thomas  
 Stephen G. Thompson  
 Jarod S. Toczko  
 Miguel E. Torrez  
 Douglas M. Trent  
 Roberto N. Trevino

Kristofer A. Tsairis  
 Christopher B. Tuckey  
 Matthew S. Tuohy  
 Jorge L. Valente  
 Benjamin J. Velazquez  
 David B. Vicks  
 Brett R. Walter  
 Matthew J. Walter  
 Benjamin M. Walton  
 Molly K. Waters  
 Ryan A. Waters  
 Douglas D. Watson  
 Justin L. Westmiller  
 Shannon M. Whitaker  
 Neil A. White  
 Robert S. Whiteside  
 Carl A. Wilson  
 Charles K. Wilson  
 Eric J. Wilson  
 Christopher Wolfer  
 Dana L. Woodall  
 Nicholas S. Worst  
 Damian Yemma  
 Israel J. Young  
 Russell R. Zuckerman

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

## OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Walter M. Shaub, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years.

## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Joe H. Ritch, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2016.

Michael McWherter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2016.

Vera Lynn Evans, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2017.

C. Peter Mahurin, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2016.

## CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Beth J. Rosenberg, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the following nominations under the Privileged section of the Executive Calendar: PN 2068, 1566, 1934, 1939, 1945, 1796, 1926, 1927; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be made in order to the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

## MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

Morton H. Halperin, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Maria Lopez De Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Bruce Carter, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

## BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Stewart M. De Soto, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2016.

## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Joseph Eldridge, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HOMELESS

Camila Ann Alire, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

## METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

William Shaw McDermott, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2017.

Nina Mitchell Wells, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2018.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

The majority leader.

## CLARIFYING THAT ACCOUNTS IN THE THRIFT SAVINGS FUND ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN FEDERAL TAX LEVIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4365 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4365) to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4365) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

## WAIVER OF PARCHMENT PRINTING

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H. Con. Res. 147.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 147) waiving the requirement that measures enrolled during the remainder of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress be printed on parchment.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 147) was agreed to.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 p.m. tomorrow, January 2, 2013; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 1:30 p.m. for debate only with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, first of all, I appreciate everyone, including the Presiding Officers we have had over the last few days, and everyone, especially the staff who have been working so hard. Everyone is just as tired as I am, I am sure. So I appreciate very much the hard work, and I hope tomorrow will go well.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:58 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at 12 noon.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATION OF GARY T. GREENE.  
FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PHILIP S. GOLDBERG AND ENDING WITH ROBERT W.

WEITZEL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2012.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL R. HARDEGEN.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES J. HIGGISTON AND ENDING WITH ERIC A. WENBERG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH STEPHEN J. GONYEA AND ENDING WITH KATHARINE ANTONIA WEBER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID E. ECKERSON AND ENDING WITH CLINTON DAVID WHITE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KARL MILLER ADAM AND ENDING WITH MARK K. YANG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

MIGNON L. CLYBURN, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2012.

POLLY ELLEN TROTTENBERG, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICY.

JOSHUA D. WRIGHT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2012.

MARK DOMS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

CHRISTOPHER R. BEALL, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRIGID M. PAVILONIS AND ENDING WITH VICTORIA C. FUTCH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2012.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BARBARA A. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH KENNETH G. STEFANISIN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2012.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHARLES G. ALCOCK AND ENDING WITH STEVEN P. WITTROCK, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2012.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MATTHEW P. BARKER AND ENDING WITH ANDREW J. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2012.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CAPT. PETER J. BROWN AND ENDING WITH CAPT. JOSEPH M. VOJVODICH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2012.

COAST GUARD RESERVE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ROBERT T. HANLEY AND ENDING WITH DIRK A. STRINGER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON DECEMBER 5, 2012.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH AUSTIN L. ADCOCK AND ENDING WITH RUSSELL R. ZUCKERMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON DECEMBER 5, 2012.

The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was held at the desk:

KEITH KELLY, OF MONTANA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

KEITH KELLY, OF MONTANA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unani-

mous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

WALTER M. SHAUB, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

C. PETER MAHURIN, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2016.

BETH J. ROSENBERG, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

VERA LYNN EVANS, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2017.

MICHAEL MCWHERTER, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2016.

JOE H. RITCH, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2016.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 1, 2013:

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

RICHARD B. BERNER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

##### FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

WILLIAM P. DOYLE, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2013.

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL PETER HUERTA, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

##### OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

JAMES M. DEMERS, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2014.

NAOMI A. WALKER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2012.

##### STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

JONATHAN LIPPMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2012.

JONATHAN LIPPMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2015.

##### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

MARIA ROSARIO JACKSON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2016.

##### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUILDING SCIENCES

JOSEPH BYRNE DONOVAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUILDING SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 7, 2013.

##### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

BRUCE R. SIEVERS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2018.

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ANGELA TAMMY DICKINSON, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203:

##### To be brigadier general

COLONEL STEPHEN J. LINSSENMEYER, JR.

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. CALVIN H. ELAM

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE